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PLAGUE-PREVENTION WORK.

PLAGUE-INFECTED SQUIRRELS FOUND.

During the week ended June 22, 1912, positive diagnosis was made of 75 plague-infected ground squirrels found in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, Cal., as follows: Alameda County, June 6, 1 squirrel; June 17, 2 squirrels. Contra Costa County, June 5, 1 squirrel; June 7, 2 squirrels; June 8, 4 squirrels; June 10, 19 squirrels; June 11, 7 squirrels; June 12, 9 squirrels; June 13, 12 squirrels; June 14, 9 squirrels; June 15, 1 squirrel; June 17, 2 squirrels; June 18, 1 squirrel; June 21, 5 squirrels.

DISTRIBUTION OF POISON.

In connection with the making and maintenance of a squirrel-free zone around the cities of California on San Francisco Bay, 5,360 acres of land in Alameda County were covered with poison during the week ended June 22, 1912.

RECORD OF PLAGUE INFECTION.

Places.	Date of last case of human plague.	Date of last case of rat plague.	Date of last case of squirrel plague.	Total number of rodents found infected since May, 1907.
California:				
Cities—				
San Francisco.....	Jan. 30, 1908.....	Oct. 23, 1908.....	None.....	398 rats.
Oakland.....	Aug. 9, 1911.....	Dec. 1, 1908.....	do.....	126 rats.
Berkeley.....	Aug. 27, 1907.....	None.....	do.....	None.
Los Angeles.....	Aug. 11, 1908.....	do.....	Aug. 21, 1908.....	1 squirrel.
Counties—				
Alameda (exclusive of Oakland and Berkeley).	Sept. 26, 1909.....	Wood rat, Oct. 17, 1909.	June 17, 1912.....	223 squirrels and 1 wood rat.
Contra Costa.....	July 21, 1911.....	None.....	June 21, 1912.....	564 squirrels.
Fresno.....	None.....	do.....	Oct. 27, 1911.....	1 squirrel.
Merced.....	do.....	do.....	July 13, 1911.....	5 squirrels.
Monterey.....	do.....	do.....	Aug. 6, 1911.....	6 squirrels.
San Benito.....	June 5, 1910.....	do.....	June 8, 1911.....	22 squirrels.
San Joaquin.....	Sept. 18, 1911.....	do.....	Aug. 26, 1911.....	18 squirrels.
San Luis Obispo.....	None.....	do.....	Jan. 29, 1910.....	1 squirrel.
Santa Clara.....	Aug. 23, 1910.....	do.....	Oct. 5, 1910.....	23 squirrels.
Santa Cruz.....	None.....	do.....	May 17, 1910.....	3 squirrels.
Stanislaus.....	do.....	do.....	June 2, 1911.....	13 squirrels.
Washington:				
Cities—				
Seattle.....	Oct. 30, 1907.....	Sept. 21, 1911.....	None.....	25 rats.

RATS COLLECTED AND EXAMINED FOR PLAGUE INFECTION.

Places.	Week ended—	Found dead.	Total collected.	Examined.	Found infected.
California:					
Cities—					
Berkeley.....	June 22, 1912.....	13	¹ 206	148	.....
Oakland.....	do.....	36	² 707	553	.....
San Francisco.....	do.....	15	³ 1,742	1,454	.....
Washington:					
City—					
Seattle.....	do.....	.....	866	810	.....

¹ Identified: *Mus norvegicus*, 164; *Mus musculus*, 42.

² Identified: *Mus norvegicus*, 625; *Mus musculus*, 82.

³ Identified: *Mus norvegicus*, 980; *Mus alexandrinus*, 222; *Mus rattus*, 252; *Mus musculus*, 288.

SQUIRRELS COLLECTED AND EXAMINED FOR PLAGUE INFECTION.

During the week ended June 22, 1912, 156 ground squirrels collected in Alameda County and 1,750 collected in Contra Costa County, Cal., were examined for plague infection. Three from Alameda County and 72 from Contra Costa County were found to be plague infected.

CEREBROSPINAL MENINGITIS.**CASES AND DEATHS REPORTED BY CITY HEALTH AUTHORITIES FOR THE WEEK ENDED JULY 6, 1912.**

Cities.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cities.	Cases.	Deaths.
Boston, Mass.....	1	.....	New York, N. Y.....	5	10
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	2	.....	Providence, R. I.....		1
Cleveland, Ohio.....	1	.....	Springfield, Mass.....		1
Lawrence, Mass.....		1	Yonkers, N. Y.....		1
Nashville, Tenn.....	2	2			

ERYSIPELAS.**CASES AND DEATHS REPORTED BY CITY HEALTH AUTHORITIES FOR THE WEEK ENDED JULY 6, 1912.**

Cities.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cities.	Cases.	Deaths.
Baltimore, Md.....		1	New York, N. Y.....	20	3
Buffalo, N. Y.....	1	1	Oklahoma City, Okla.....	1	.....
Cleveland, Ohio.....	1	.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	2	.....
Dayton, Ohio.....		1	Pittsburgh, Pa.....	4	1
Dunkirk, N. Y.....	1	.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	5	.....
Lancaster, Pa.....	2	.....	San Francisco, Cal.....	2	.....
Los Angeles, Cal.....	2	.....	Warren, Pa.....	1	.....
Milwaukee, Wis.....	4	.....			

LEPROSY.**BAY CITY, MICH.**

Samuel Isen, one of the two lepers recently reported at Bay City, Mich., broke quarantine and was found missing July 15.

July 22 Dr. Francis E. Fronczak, commissioner of health of Buffalo, reported that Isen had been found in Buffalo and was being isolated at the Contagious Disease Hospital.

DENVER, COLO.

Dr. Sherman Williams, president of the Colorado State Board of Health, reported July 22 that they had in detention at Denver a man giving the name of C. W. Carson, and claiming to be a leper, who had escaped from the leper colony at San Francisco about May 2 and had been wandering over the country since that time in a box car.

PELLAGRA.

During the week ended July 6, 1912, pellagra was reported as follows: Chicago, Ill., 1 death; Montgomery, Ala., 5 deaths; Roanoke, Va., 1 case and 1 death.